(b) Yes, Sir.
(c) No, Sir.
(d) Does not arise.

Cost of Mass Rapid Transit System of Madras City

1552. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY
SHRI T. R. BALU

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the initial estimated cost of the Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) for Madras city;

(b) what is the present estimated cost of the project;

(c) what are the details of the funds allotted therefor and the amount spent so far; and

(d) what is the amount of the fund which would be required to complete this project and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Rs. 53.50 crores.

(b) Rs. 105.60 crores.

(c) Funds allotted upto 31-3-89 = Rs. 32.80 crores
Funds allotted for 1989-90 = Rs. 9.85 crores
Expenditure incurred upto 31-1-89 = Rs. 30.95 crores

(d) About Rs. 63 crores, beyond 1989-90, based on the present sanctioned cost.

Date of completion will depend upon the availability of funds in the coming years.

Compensation for death of persons in the Peruman Train Accident

1553. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications received for payment of compensation in relation to the Peruman Train Accident, the number of cases decided and the amount of money disbursed;

(b) what is the number of claims for compensation which are still pending disposal; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in the speedy disposal of claims?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) 188 cases out of 303, filed have been decided and Rs. 83,99,740/- disbursed to the claimants.

(b) and (c) Remaining 115 cases are subjudice in the Court of Ad-hoc Claims Commissioner, Quilon.

1554. *[Transferred to the 14th March 1989.]*

Opening of Adult Education Centres

1555. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present number of Adult Education Centres in the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open more of such Centres during the next two years;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what is the number of pupils attending these Centres as on the 28th February, 1989; and

(e) what is the number of Adult Education Centres which would be opened during the next two years and funds allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) The present number of Adult Education Centres in the ccountry is 2,88,219.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The planning is under consideration.

(d) The information is yet to be received from various States/Union Territories.

(e) Since the planning is under consideration, specific details are yet to be worked out.

Pak discussion with China on the Siachen Glacier

1556. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of he taking up of the Siachen glacier issue y the Prime Minister of Pakistan with the Chinese Government during her recent visit to that country; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto particularly in the context of Prime Minister's recent talks held with the Prime Minister of Pakistan and the Chinese Government during his visits to those countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government have seen reports to this effect.

(b) Siachen is an integral part of India and this has been made known to both China and Pakistan. We are in favour of peaceful resolution of all our differences with Pakistan in accordance with Simla Agreement. The next round of Defence Secretary level talks on Siachen is likely to be held in the near future.

Expansion of Pak Air Force

1557. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what further steps are being taken by Government to ensure country's security in face of Pakistan Army Chief's announcement that Pakistan would make its own tank in two years; and

(b) whether Government are also aware of Pakistan expanding its air force by purchasing 125 fighter jets from Australia and China; if so, what steps Government are taking to counteract it and whether Government are taking up the issue with concerned Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have seen reports that Pakistan would be in a position to roll out its first home-made tank in two years time, and of its moves to purchase jet